

CITY OF BOULDER, COLORADO
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING SUMMARY FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION: Greenways Advisory Committee
DATE OF MEETING: February 21, 2007
NAME/TELEPHONE OF PERSON PREPARING SUMMARY: Jennifer Gray, 303-441-4073
NAMES OF MEMBERS, COUNCIL, STAFF AND INVITED GUESTS PRESENT: COMMITTEE MEMBERS –Allyn Feinberg, Kelly DiNatale, Richard Sosa, Susan Iott, Chad Julian, Krista Nordback – absent STAFF – Annie Noble, Karen Medde, Betty Solek, Lisa Green, Jennifer Gray, secretary
WHAT TYPE OF MEETING (BOLD ONE) [REGULAR] [SPECIAL] [QUASI-JUDICIAL]
Agenda Item 1 – Call to order The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.
Agenda Item 2 – Approval of summary minutes from previous meeting. Minutes had been approved by e-mail following the meeting. Anne Noble signed the final copy.
Agenda Item 3 – General Public Participation. There was none. Public participation was closed.
Agenda Item 4 – Greenways Habitat Report Presentation Representatives from Biohabitats, Inc. and staff presented on the Greenways Habitat Report including the background behind the report, the work that went into it and the conclusions and recommendations for the Greenways program. GAC Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sosa: Does the city current use GIS to map weeds? Noble: Yes. • Iott: Is this envisioned to work with other divisions as well? Biohabitats staff: It is clear that divisions working together could be very beneficial. Green: The Parks and Recreation staff is currently reorganizing and do see collaboration in the future. • Feinberg: This is very useful by pointing out a direction for the Greenways program to work in collaboration with other divisions. Has the current Greenways staff thought about how you can work with other divisions? Noble: We have a proposal from Biohabitats, Inc. for a work plan. • Feinberg: I see this as: How can we do more with what we have? Noble: We are hearing that we are doing a good job on addressing the weeds that can be addressed mechanically. We need to talk about these small restoration projects and that is what the work plan is intended to do. • Iott: Is there a brainstorming session in which we can do in order to find small projects to do? Noble: This is what the work plan will help us do.
Agenda Item 5 – *Public hearing on the amendment to the Elmer’s Twomile CEAP Noble presented on the background of the Elmer’s Twomile CEAP process as well as the proposed amendment in which the GAC was asked to make a motion on. Two members of the public interacted with the staff presentation with questions for further background information. Public Comment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clyda Stafford, 3121 Eastwood Court; I am critically interested in this project since I live nearby. I am happy with the improvements/amendments proposed. This is a very dense neighborhood and the farther away the path is from the housing, the better. Security is a big problem. We have private streets, but people trespass all of the time. People have tagged our properties. Preserve the green space (for property value) and preserve the security. Staff should also consider drainage issues.
GAC Discussion:

- **DiNatale:** How are you balancing the flood storage if you are containing it in the channel? **Noble:** It will all fit within the boxed culvert.
- **Iott:** What about the water supply for the trees? **Noble:** We will be maintaining and planting new trees and we will have to irrigate them somehow.
- **Stafford (public comment):** Will there be a grate in the cul-de-sac to put that water down into the gutter? **Noble:** I do not know if that is part of the plan. **Iott:** Is drainage the property owner's responsibility since it is their property drainage. **Noble:** In this case, yes since it is private property and not a utility street.
- **Iott:** Will there be lights? Will that help with security? **Noble:** No since it appears to bother nearby residents and the habitat.
- **Stafford (public comment):** A fence would be the best mitigation tool to keep people off of our property. **Noble:** If the property owner's want a fence, they will get a fence. **Julian:** What kind of fence are we talking about? The kind of fence deals with the scenery and maintenance. **Noble:** We need to amend the CEAP before we can get into these details.

Motion: (Feinberg) I move for the Greenways Advisory Committee to approve the amendment to Elmer's Twomile CEAP to include a box culvert to carry the 100 year storm event rather than an open channel in the northern reach of the Elmer's Twomile drainage between Valmont Road and Glenwood Drive noting that this is a solution of last resort after exhausting other more natural ones and that this shouldn't be considered a precedent for more box culverts in place of wider natural channels. The city would maintain connectivity for fish passage to the extent possible.

Second: DiNatale

Vote: 5-0 (one absent)

Agenda Item 6 – Matters From Staff

- **Solek:** FYI: We are headed into the next phase of the restoration project for Goose Creek from Boulder Creek to Goose Creek.

Agenda Item 7 - Matters from Committee

There was none.

Agenda Item 8 - Discussion of future meeting dates and agenda

- The next meeting will be following a work plan created by staff and Biohabitats Inc. This is expected to be ready for a meeting around May. May 16 may be an option. Noble will address this through e-mail.

Agenda Item 7 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting: To be determined.

Minutes approved by: _____

Date: _____

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